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JAIL SENTENCE FOR ARSONIST

Woman convicted of killing kids in 17-year-old arson

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A WOMAN found guilty of the manslaughter of two children, after an arson attack on an Oxford home 17 years ago, is due to be sentenced today.

Fiaz Munshi, 38, of Manley Road, Oldham, in Lancashire, was cleared of the murder of nine-year-old Anum Khan and her brother Majid, 15, on Tuesday at Oxford Crown Court, but convicted of manslaughter.

It comes almost 17 years after police and firefighters were called to the Khan/Akhtar household in Magdalen Road on August 28, 1997, when the fire broke out.

Six of the seven people inside the house managed to escape, but Anum died in the fire and Majid died two days later in hospital after suffering severe burns to his head and body.

Munshi was arrested on suspicion of murder in September 1997.

But there was not enough evidence to charge her, as she was released and flew to Pakistan.

But just days later, new evidence surfaced, and five people were convicted of murder in October and November 1999. Four others were also sentenced for perverting the course of justice.

A 10th person, Munshi's sister Riaz, was convicted of manslaughter in 1999.

Munshi was then re-arrested on October 22 last year, after a member of the Khan/Akhtar family made enquires about her in 2012. It was found she had been back in the UK since 2005.

Detective Inspector Craig Kirby of Thames Valley Police's Major Crime Unit said: "I can not put into words how difficult this case has been for the family of Anum and Majid, and I know how important this verdict is to them.

"Enquiries undertaken following the call from the family in 2012 have not established why action was not taken by Thames Valley Police in 2005 to investigate evidence against Munshi.

"However, as soon as we identified this new opportunity to bring her to justice, a full review of the case was conducted which resulted in her successful arrest and prosecution."

Adrian Foster, chief crown prosecutor for Thames and Chiltern Crown Prosecution Service, said: "Majid and Anum's family and friends have been devastated by their untimely deaths.

"We know that nothing will bring Majid and Anum back to their family and friends but we hope that [Tuesday's] conviction brings them at least a sense that justice has once again been done.

"Our thoughts are very much with them all at this time."

• Fiaz Munshi (inset) is expected to be sentenced at Oxford Crown Court today

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Demolition day countdown is on

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DIDCOT S southern cooling towers will be demolished to just three days time but members of the public are being told not to attend the blow down

The three towers will be demolished between 3am and 5am on Sunday after being a part of the Oxfordshire landscape for 42 years

Despite pressure from members of the public and Didcot MP Ed Vauzey energy company npower and demolition firm Coleman & Company have refused to delay the event until 6am.

And now they are warning members of the public not to attend the demolition and instead watch a live stream of proceedings citing safety reasons over the use of 180kg of separate explosive charges

"We are acutely aware this first part of this demolition is an issue which local people feel strongly about however safety has to come first " the companies said in a statement

"Explosive demolition can be dangerous if not managed in a professional and coordinated manner

"It is with this in mind that we would advise people not to attend the demolition.

We are not just seeking to reduce risk in the immediate vicinity of the site but also further afield where large crowds may gather to watch the demolition

"We will be recording the event using a number of different filming methods and we will ensure that the footage will be made publicly available "

Npower announced the timing of the demolition last month prompting 3 659 people to sign a petition set up by Didcot resident Christine Reardon to delay the process until 6am

Mr Vauzey also wrote in his column in last week s Oxfordshire Guardian that after discussions over safety he could not "see the difference between a blow down at 6am and between 3am and 5am"

Npower said the timing of the demolition was agreed with the Health and Safety Executive Network Rail, Highways Agency, Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police

As well as the safety of the public the nearby railway line and A34 were among the main concerns

At present no public event has been organised for the demolition of the towers, something Didcot Town Council said it would have supported had the opportunity arisen.

Town clerk Dominic Stapleton said "Like most other people we had no idea of the proposed date until recently so there has been no opportunity to organise an event safely responsibly and effectively

"RWE npower clearly don t want to be involved in such an event and without their co operation it is not possible "

Developers Taylor Wimpey planned to make an area available at Great Western Park for members of the public to watch the demolition.

However on Tuesday the plans were withdrawn due to the risk of dust being blown onto the estate

A 300m exclusion zone will be in place around the towers during the demolition while Purchas Road and Milton Road will be temporarily closed

No residential properties are included in the exclusion zone while police will be present throughout the process

Free parking will be available at Didcot Parkway for anyone wishing to watch the demolition

A live stream will be shown on ustream tv/channel/coleman co uk

• Didcot Power Station's southern cooling towers pictured producing their last megawatts of power in March 2013 will be demolished on Sunday (Picture by Jack Johnson)

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Charity golf

MILTON COMMON A charity golf day held at The Oxfordshire course has raised more than £24 000 for Hearing Dogs For Deaf People

The day which took place on July 11 saw dozens of players take to the golfing greens near Thame including BBC Breakfast presenter Naga Munchetty

The money was raised for the national charity based near York.

The Oxfordshire s club captain Rob Daniels said "I know the funds raised will be put to good use by the charity and I d like to thank everyone involved for making this day so successful"

Swimming safe

OXFORD A video about swimming safety in open water produced by Film Oxford s Digital Youth Collective will get its premiere at Hinksey Park on Saturday

River Safe' has been created to highlight the dangers of open water swimming to young people and features interviews with representatives from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and the county council

As well as Hinksey Park, the film is also being shown at Sunnymead Park on August 2 and at Fettiplace Recreational Ground on August 16

Each event starts at 4pm, and the film is being screened alongside a feature-length movie

Get active offer

CHERWELL Discounted swim and gym sessions for young people aged 15 to 25 are being offered at three Cherwell leisure centres from Monday

Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre, Bicester Leisure Centre and Spiceball Leisure Centre in Banbury will be holding £2 sessions until September 22

Those who attend six sessions over the eight weeks will get one month s free membership followed by a reduced rate for a 12 month membership

George Reynolds Cherwell s deputy leader said, "Often the most difficult step is getting people through the door for the first time "

Jury consider murder verdicts

THE jury in the Jayden Parkinson murder trial will continue deliberating verdicts today after being sent home on Tuesday

The six men and six women have been deliberating since last Wednesday after a 19 day trial.

Ben Blakeley 22 of Christchurch Road Reading has admitted killing the Didcot teenager but denies murder

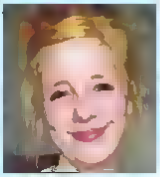
His younger brother Jake Blakeley of Venners Water Didcot pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice but not guilty to preventing a lawful burial.

Oxford Crown Court heard Ben Blakeley killed Jayden in a field near Upton on December 3 after grabbing her around the neck.

Jayden s body was buried in the field on December 5 before being re-buried in the grave of Ben s uncle Alan Kennedy four days later

Both defendants remain in custody

The trial continues



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Top brand stores sign up to £500m Westgate

BIG name retailers have signed up to the £500million redevelopment of Westgate Shopping Centre

Oxford City Council leader Bob Price said the companies are "impressive" but, at present, he is not allowed to give any names

So far only John Lewis which will be the redevelopment's flagship store has been announced for the Queen Street centre

Cllr Price said: "They are very impressive national and international names and I think it will make a massive difference to the shopping offer in Oxford."

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Spokesperson for the Westgate Alliance undertaking the development George Wilkinson, confirmed talks have been held with other big name companies to join John Lewis

And on Tuesday evening the city council's West Area Planning Committee approved plans for land off Osney Lane to become a temporary car park for two years while Westgate and its car park is shut

The Westgate Oxford Alliance a joint venture between property companies the Crown Estate and Land Securities held a second four-day consultation for the plans which ended on Monday

This included new designs unveiled for John Lewis which will overlook Castle Mill Stream

More than 500 people viewed the plans

Sara Fuge, development manager for Westgate Oxford Alliance said "We had a very positive response to our consultation on the emerging designs in April and have spent the last few months progressing these ideas

"We were very excited to share the final detailed designs"

The centre will include shops restaurants and a cinema and will be expanded into four different buildings set in a mix of covered streets arcades lanes and squares

Members of the public will be able to access the centre from all directions with planners putting 11 different entrances in place

There will also be three public squares including Bonn Square with Middle Square and South Square

An underground car park will also be installed at the south of the shopping centre with the current multi-storey to be demolished in place of the new buildings

The revamp also includes 122 apartments off Abbey Place

Following the first consultation several amendments were made to the proposals including access points installing cycle parking on Turn Again Lane and improving the entrance to the basement car park

Outline planning permission for the site was granted in March

A reserve matters application of more detailed plans will be submitted for approval next month

The Alliance aim to secure planning consent by the end of the year and begin building work in 2015

Cllr Price added, "I am very impressed by the quality architecture

"I think it will deliver all we wanted in terms of an exciting new part of the city centre

"The combination of the shops restaurants the open public spaces and the cinema will make a really dramatic change to the city centre"

An architect's design of what John Lewis could look like from Norfolk Street as part of the new Westgate Shopping Centre and (left) Bob Price

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Oxford Station

OXFORD Plans for a multi million pound development of Oxford Station are to be unveiled today

Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Network Rail have been working on the plans for over a year to improve the city centre station

It comes following last week's announcement that work is expected to get underway at nearby Frideswide Square in the autumn as part of efforts to alleviate traffic in the area

By-election

OXFORD Labour held their Oxford City Council seat for the Cowley Ward in a by election test Thursday

Devid Henwood was elected with 512 votes ahead of Green candidate Hazel Dawe on 269 and independent Artwell with 257

Conservative Katharine Harborne was fourth with 152 votes UKIP's Ian MacDonald fifth with 72 and Prakash Sharma for the Liberal Democrats last with 30

The turnout was 28 per cent

Art exhibition

OXFORD An exhibition of atmospheric paintings by Oxfordshire artist Caroline Meynell opens at the Oxford Castle Quarter on Saturday

Light Land and Place shows Caroline's style of using bold and strong colours in her work that reflects the form contours and light of the land.

It is being held at the O3 Gallery and will be open until August 17 Go to o3gallery.co.uk for more details

Anti-vote candidate for Oxford

AN OXFORD man who rescued a toddler from the roof of the Tree Hotel in Iffley last year is planning to stand as a candidate in next year's general elections

Preston Likely from Rose Hill wants to stand as an Anti-Vote candidate for East Oxford against Labour MP Andrew Smith

The author and activist hit the headlines in May last year when he climbed onto the roof of the Tree Hotel after a child had got stuck there

"I am attempting to encourage politically disillusioned members of the public to have a reason to vote even if it is just a protest vote" said Preston

"I'm also trying to encourage people like me to stand as Anti Vote candidates at the next general election in other constituencies.

The upshot is that I believe voting at a general election and local elections is an empowering act for individuals and I want this to continue

Preston added that if he was elected in East Oxford he would resign immediately to force a by election and find someone else to stand as an Anti Vote candidate to repeat the process

• *Preston Likely*

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Election change

OXFORD Members of the public will receive letters from the city council over the next fortnight about changes to electoral registration.

Oxford City Council is changing the registration process to Individual Electoral Registration.

This means every individual in a household who is eligible to vote will now be responsible for their own voter registration.

Previously, one form was used to register everyone at an address.

Student F1

OXFORD Students from Oxford Brookes University have finished as the top British team in an international motor racing competition.

Formula Student sees teams from across the world design and build their own racing car before taking to the track in a series of competitions.

Brookes finished sixth overall at Silverstone last Wednesday with the event being won by Delft University of Technology of the Netherlands.

Formula Student is Europe's most established educational motorsport competition run by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Community centre at heart of fiery dispute

ABOUT 50 protesters gathered outside East Oxford Community Centre on Monday in a bid to stop Oxford City Council from taking it over.

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East Oxford Community Association, which operates the Cowley Road centre, was given four weeks notice last month to leave the council owned premises.

They had until 4pm on Monday to go but the council were unable to evict them.

Catherine Gundry, association trustee, said: "The council turned up on Monday afternoon trying to threaten the committee if we didn't think again and we'd be taken to court.

"Really the boots on the other foot and we should be taking them to court for harassment and distress, but we'll continue to seek advice and let people know what's happening."

But the council said the association "is not fit to run" the centre.

Oxford City Council spokesman Louisa Dean said: "The council has sought to remove East Oxford Community Association from the centre as it has determined the association is not fit to run such a property.

"They are now left with two options to resist the council's actions and we will have to consider formal proceedings or to agree to the council's proposals."

The council's Communities and Neighbourhoods team would take over management.

The centre's programme of events is to continue.

A petition called 'leave East Oxford Community Centre alone' has gained more than 500 signatures.

Former East Oxford resident Gill Treeze said: "After all the work that's gone into the place, the association should be given support to carry on the great work in this centre."

• East Oxford Community Centre

Bobbies on the beat commended in report

OXFORDSHIRE'S police force has been praised in a new report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC).

HMIC's Valuing the Police report, released on Tuesday, states the force is on track to achieve its target savings of £50.9million for the 2011/12 to 2014/15 period.

It also recognised Thames Valley Police's ability to make the savings while making a much smaller reduction in officer and staff numbers than other forces.

It added they have been able to increase the numbers of frontline officers.

Chief constable Sara Thornton said: "We are pleased the report recognises Thames Valley Police's dedication to providing a high quality policing service to the communities we serve.

"However we need to reduce our budgets by a further £38m over the next three years.

"This will be really tough but we will do everything we can to ensure that the service to the public is protected."

Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld added: "This is an encouraging and useful report from HMIC.

"Thames Valley Police has managed the considerable financial cuts well through greater efficiency collaboration with other forces and through better use of technology."

• Anthony Stansfeld (top left) and Sara Thornton (bottom left)

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Silver stolen

WATLINGTON An antique clock laptop and the family silver were stolen in a burglary at a Brook Street house between July 10 and 11.

The house was empty at the time, and when the residents returned they found a rear window had been forced open and the items stolen.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101

Scam warning

OXON Residents are being warned about a cold calling scam where fraudsters offer a council tax rebate in exchange for bank details

George Reynolds deputy leader of Cherwell District Council said "We would urge anyone who receives a cold call from someone claiming to be from the council and asking for bank details to hang up

Fellows chosen

OXFORD Nine of the 42 new fellows of the British Academy who have been selected are from Oxford University – more than any other institution

Professors Francesco Pillari, Susanne Robzien Georgina Born, Gavin Flood Henrietta Harrison Stephen Smith Cecilia Trifogli and Sarah Whatmore along with Dr Susan Brigden were chosen in recognition of their research in the humanities and social sciences

Redevelopment plan for Oxford criticised

PLANS to redevelop land in north Oxford have been criticised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Oxford City Council wants to develop 80 000m² of land at the Northern Gateway between Wolvercote Roundabout and the Peartree Interchange – 35 000m² more than originally planned in its Core Strategy

The Oxfordshire CPRE branch said it is "fearful" of the visual impact on the city's Green Belt

CPRE Oxfordshire director Helen Marshall said "We are now fearful the expanded scheme could have a significant visual impact on the surrounding Green Belt including Port Meadow

"The Area Action Plan (AAP) includes proposals for five storey buildings and we have already seen the devastation that such development can have on the visual amenity of Port Meadow"

Plans to change the Green Belt boundary to remove part of the Wolvercote Conservation Area is among the proposals

CPRE say this goes against an inspector's ruling in 1994 that the area should be protected.

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However city council leader Bob Price labelled the claims as "nonsense"

Cllr Price added "The site has featured as a key development site for high tech business in the City Deal and the county wide Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) developed by the Local Enterprise Partnership"

The city council said the amount of employment land was increased to reflect the need beyond 2026 and more land was added after emergency services said they no longer wanted a base at the new development

The city council also plans to build 500 homes a new link road between the A40 and A44 improve the Wolvercote and Cutteslowe roundabouts and add more parking spaces to the Peartree Park and Ride.

The AAP was approved at a city council meeting on Monday July 14

A consultation ends in September and the city council hopes to submit the AAP to the government in October to be adopted in June next year

More ring road traffic misery

A CONTRAFLOW system will come into force as part of the Kennington Roundabout and Hinksey Hill Interchange revamp from Sunday bringing further congestion to the area.

It will reduce the A423 to one lane in each direction full time between Hinksey Hill and Heyford Hill Interchange until early November

Further restrictions and closures will be implemented at Kennington Roundabout, Old Abingdon Road and Kennington Road

David Nimmo Smith Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport said. "Up until now we have been able to work during off-peak hours to minimise delays but this is not possible as we enter the next phase

"The best advice is to look at whether you can use another form of transport or maybe change your journey and use one of the park and rides around Oxford

"Ultimately the inconvenience drivers are putting up with at the moment will be replaced with a far more efficient journey once our work is complete."

The £7million work on the junctions began last month

The project is due to be completed by the end of November this year

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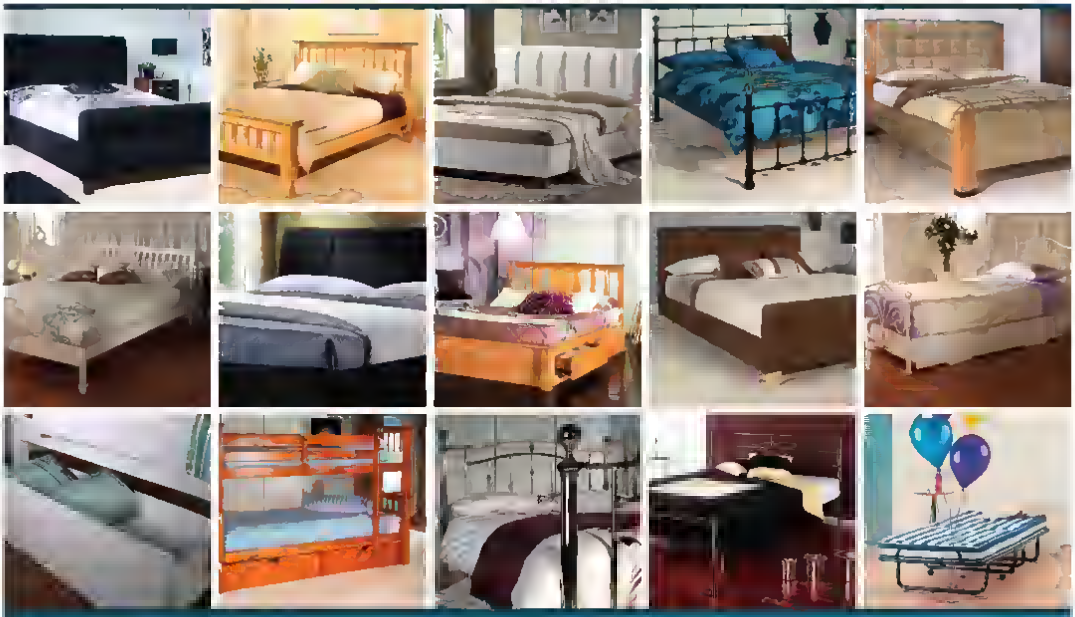

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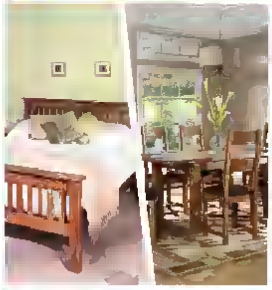

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Firefighters will carry out a range of demonstrations while visitors can handle rescue equipment and chat with operational crews

Crews will be raising money for The Fire Fighters Charity during the day which runs from noon to 4pm

Building award

OXFORD An Oxford Brookes University building has missed out on the shortlist for the prestigious Stirling Prize one of architecture's top honours

The John Henry Brookes Building had been nominated for the prize which includes other iconic structures like The Shard in London

But it was voted as one of the top-15 buildings in the country by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) following on from a national award it received last month

More parking

OXFORD New parking facilities have been finished in Wood Farm as part of Oxford City Council's Great Estates project

Parking for nine vehicles has been created by the redevelopment of a former drying area in Mason's Road

High hopes for new publisher's website to buy and sell online

Sellit247

FOLLOWING weeks of planning a new online platform for residents of Oxfordshire and beyond to buy and sell is being launched today

The sellit247.co.uk website gives sellers the chance to self-manage their own sales and accounts mostly free of fees

Unwanted items used cars vans and motorcycles and property to let can be advertised on the site, and jobs can be posted online with relative ease as soon as a vacancy becomes available

The sellit247 site is operated by Didcot-based multi media publishers Taylor Newspapers from their headquarters on the Southmead Industrial Estate

It joins daily news websites oxfordshireguardian.co.uk and basingstokeobserver.co.uk as its third online platform.

Taylor Newspapers Managing Director Howard Taylor said: "The website is now live but even before today's launch we have had over 29 000 visitors to the site from as far as Truro in the west and Essex in the east which is really encouraging

"We are providing a new opportunity for our advertisers and readers to buy and sell online and enjoy full control over the selling process

Cars for sale posted on the site will also benefit from appearing in the printed version of our newspapers the Oxfordshire Guardian group of six weeklies and the Basingstoke Observer

"Posts will appear on the site as soon as the advert has been created and we encourage sellers to make use of the free image uploads where up to four pictures can be uploaded to aid the selling process"

Users can create their own username and login to manage their own account

Taylor Newspapers Operations Manager Ted Woodhouse said: "I have been involved in the development of this website and I am delighted with the interest shown in the site even before we officially launched it

"I believe this new website will give advertisers particularly in the local area a great opportunity to buy and sell online"

By Andy Allens
news@taylornewspapers.co.uk

• *Taylor Newspapers Ltd publisher Howard Taylor*

Bike thieves strike Oxford city centre

ALMOST 2 000 bikes were stolen in Oxford over the last year Thames Valley Police has revealed.

There were 1 955 cycle theft offences in the city centre between April 2013 and April 2014 a reduction of 377 on the previous year

Sergeant Matthew Sutley said: "When your bike is stolen it can have a significant impact on your way of life especially if it's your primary mode of transport or be quite distressing if it's a treasured possession.

"Police are working hard to drive cycle crime down both by helping people keep their property safe and by tackling the offenders head on by arresting them."

Six people have been charged or cautioned for theft and three people for being in possession of stolen bikes during police patrols over the last week

Detective Chief Inspector Andy Bird added: "We actively investigate all bicycle crimes because we understand the impact they have on people in Oxford

"We actively pursue arrest and charge cycle thieves and those who knowingly buy stolen cycles."

Officers are encouraging people to lock bikes securely and log them on security website bikeregister.com

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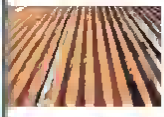

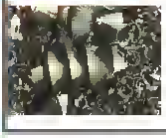

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Fears raised over plans for new gravel pit

FOUR South Oxfordshire villages have joined forces to oppose plans for a gravel pit and concrete processing plant being built on their doorsteps

Residents in Clifton Hampden Long Wittenham, Culham and Appleford fear the 160-hectare development will ruin the countryside and clog up rural roads

Waste disposal company Hills want to build the plant east of the railway at Culham and south of the A415 and plan to submit a planning application in December

The proposed site lies 200m from Clifton Hampden and Appleford and 450m from Long Wittenham

And a campaign group called Burcot and Clifton Hampden for the Protection of the River Thames (BACHPORT) now plan to raise around £26 000 to hire legal help and fight an impending planning application

Ian Mason, spokesperson for BACHPORT, said: "If this project is allowed it would ruin a beautiful part of the countryside

"The big issue for lots of people is the traffic

By Jack Johnson
jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

"If you try and get from Long Wittenham to Clifton Hampden it's difficult now especially in the peak times

"If you say you are going to have two tonne lorries through there it will be log jam"

BACHPORT has pledged £1 000 towards the funding and expect £2 000 from Clifton Hampden & Burcot Parish Council.

Long Wittenham, Culham and Appleford parish councils are expected to put £1 000 each towards the legal fees

Mr Mason added: "We have had lots of volunteers and people register interests. They are helping us work on our campaign."

Long Wittenham Parish Council chairman Tom Bowtell described the latest plans as a "nightmare"

Jon Woodley Shead, chairman of Culham Parish Council added: "I would prefer it if they don't put the gravel pit there"

Chris Neill MBE, chair at Clifton Hampden & Burcot Parish Council said: "We are naturally worried about any increase in pollution or drop in air quality that may result from an increase in traffic especially from HGV vehicles."

Hills say they will extract 4.75million tonnes of mineral from the site in 25 years while 35-40 HGV's will access the plant from the A415 every day

A scoping request was submitted in April with Oxfordshire County Council informing Hills that an environmental statement will need to be submitted alongside a planning application

Peter Andrew, group director of Hills Quarry Products said: "As part of the development for this new proposal independent consultants will assess all possible environmental effects as specified in the scoping opinion provided by the council

"The results of these assessments and any mitigation methods will be included in the environmental statement that will form part of the final planning application submission"

News Bites

Exercise for free

SOUTH OXON Free exercise classes for women are being offered over the summer at Willowbrook Leisure Centre in Didcot and Park Club in Milton.

Users can choose six classes to try for free, with vouchers for sessions available by emailing lil.roe@southandvale.gov.uk

Bill Service, cabinet member for leisure at South Oxfordshire District Council said: "This is a really great offer and we hope many women take advantage over the summer months."

Art at Brookes

OXFORD Award-winning artist and Oxford Brookes alumnus Ruth Simons will be presenting her work in the university's Abercrombie Glass Tank from today

The exhibition 'Order' explores ideas of growth and man's perception of nature through drawings, paintings and sculptures

It is running in the Abercrombie Building at the university's Headington campus until August 29

Road resurfacing

CUMNOR A £540 000 project to resurface the B4044 Eynsham Road gets underway on Monday

Work is expected to last for four weeks and Oxfordshire County Council are anticipating delays in the area as a result

Mice move into a new home as part of Fairytale Farm attraction

A FAMILY of mice living in the model village of Mouse Town are set to become the latest attraction at Chipping Norton's Fairytale Farm when the exhibit opens on Saturday

The village is based on an English rural town complete with shops, a church, houses, pond and a jail house

And visitors can watch on as the mice go about their daily business

Nick Lanster, owner of Fairytale Farm said: "We are delighted to open our newest attraction just in time for the summer holidays

"Children will love watching our family of white and grey mice scampering around looking out of windows, shopping in the butchers and cheese shop, and visiting the spooky graveyard

Fairytale Farm opened in June last year as the first UK attraction designed specifically for disabled children.

It features a mix of other attractions, including a sensory garden, farm animals and an adventure playground

"We always try and do something different at Fairytale Farm and I am sure that our visitors will be equally enthralled by Mouse Town" Nick added

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A Buddy Holly show

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"Beautifully paced"– ***Chortle***

Please bear in mind that this show will contain strong language and adult humour

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Film screening

OXFORD S Phoenix Picturehouse is raising funds for The Royal British Legion on Monday with an 8pm screening of the classic war film Born On The Fourth Of July'

Eight cinemas across the UK are taking part in the screenings to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War this September

Italy in war

A PLAY documenting the plight of Italy in the early 20th century will be staged at the Old Fire Station in Oxford from today

The Cap and Bells was written in 1916 but was largely ignored as a theatre piece until the 1930s, and has become increasingly popular since then.

The show is running until Saturday and show times can be found at oldfirestation org uk.

Reggae at O2

DANCEHALL and reggae fusion icon Sanchez performs live at the O2 Academy in Oxford for a one off show tomorrow from 10pm

Sanchez has been working in the music industry since 1967 releasing his most recent album Love You More three years ago

For more details go to o2academy oxford co uk.

Buddy visits New Theatre

By Adam Flinn
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THE long running West End show Baddy, which celebrates the life and music of the iconic American musician Buddy Holly comes to Oxford's New Theatre from Monday

Buddy is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and joins a select number of musicals that have reached this landmark milestone

Rather than being a tribute show it starts off as a play documenting the rise of Buddy s career ending with a reconstruction of his final concert before his death in 1959 aged 22

Glen Joseph who plays Buddy in the show has been performing in the role since 2010

"It is essentially a play with music about the story of Buddy s life said Glen.

"A lot of people who love Buddy s music don t necessarily come for the play they come for the final concert he gave in Iowa and that s the last 40 minutes of the show

We recreate the concert as it happens before he went off to catch the plane which ultimately was the end of his life"

As part of his role Glen met with Buddy s widow Maria Elena a few years ago to conduct a series of interviews with her for YouTube

Glen said this had helped him better understand Buddy s life and how he enjoys playing a real character rather than someone fictional

He said "With the story of Buddy's life it s stepping into incredibly large shoes rather than a fictional character.

"The amount of research you do for something like this is far more extensive than being given a role that somebody's dreamed up

I've met with Maria and she was absolutely wonderful, and it s with her good grace that the show goes on

"The insight she gave me into the man was something I could not possibly have learned from either videos or books "

Buddy is running at the New Theatre in George Street until August 2

For a full list of show times and ticket prices go to newtheatreoxford org.uk or call the box office on 0844 871 3020

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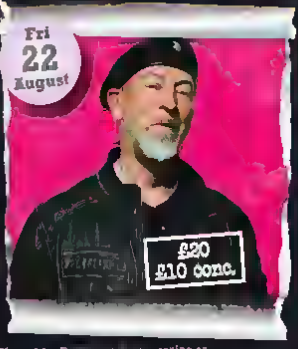

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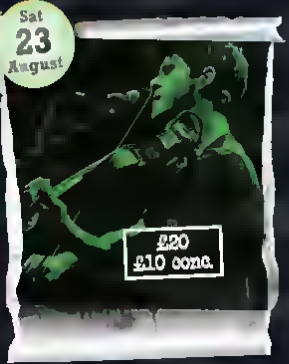

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It runs until August 2.

For more details, go to chippingnortontheatre.co.uk

Motown night

A NEW show celebrating more than 50 years of Motown music comes to the Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Saturday.

It was in 1959 that Berry Gordy started his Motown Empire in Detroit, and the genre still commands huge audience support to this day.

The show starts at 8pm, and more information is available at themillartscentre.co.uk.

Disability arts

WORKSHOPS, activities and performances for adults with learning disabilities are set to be staged at the Cornerstone in Didcot tomorrow.

Access All Areas will offer a selection of creative projects to people with learning disabilities, as well as an evening of musical entertainment.

For more details, go to cornerstone.arts.org

Found Footage Festival

A SHOWCASE of quirky and hilarious video clips from across the world will feature in a unique film festival at the Ultimate Picture Palace in Oxford next Thursday.

By Adam Flinn
adam@oxfordmail.co.uk

The Found Footage Festival has been running in the US for the past 10 years, showing videos found at garage sales and second-hand shops throughout North America.

Hosts Nick Prueher and Joe Pickett offer a live commentary of the footage, along with where-are-they now updates on the subjects of the clips.

And to celebrate the festival's 10th anniversary, Nick and Joe are bringing the show to 10 locations across the UK, including London, Liverpool and Manchester as well as Oxford.

"We've been coming to the UK for the past four or five years, but we had never been to Oxford before," said Nick.

Truth be told, I've wanted to visit Oxford ever since Michael J Fox went there in a very special vacation episode of 'Family Ties' in 1985, so this will be a lifelong dream come true."

The pair have amassed more than 6,000 videos, with oddities including a McDonald's training video, a Christmas-themed workout, and a tape entitled 'Butt Camp'.

Their collection has grown extensively since picking up their first find in Wisconsin in 1991, and there's no sign of it slowing down just yet.

"Joe and I tour with our show and in each city we hit local shops and sales looking for unwanted VHS tapes," Nick added.

"Our worry is that they'll end up in landfills, so that's why we tour all around the world to rescue them before they're gone forever.

"Luckily now that people know about our show they send us videos or bring their finds to our live shows, and that's really helped the project keep going.

"In fact, we'd encourage anyone who's found a video in Oxford to please bring it to the show!"

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• Nick Prueher (left) and Joe Pickett bring the Found Footage Festival to Oxford next week

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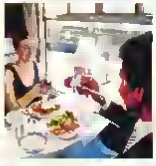

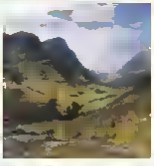

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entrance ee applies (£6 50)
The trails are suitable for 5 8 year s da
and 7+ years No booking required
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3 Aug 2014
Orchard Centre Didcot
DIDCOT SUNDAY MARKET
SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC/
DXON VEG CYCLE

16 Aug 2014, 7:45 pm
Music at the Barn Witney
STUART RYAR LIVE CONCERT
Rege de t ers nes at the UK s finest
trad tiy s gnt ar sts Stuart Ryan
began his p ass onal career in
2002 when he was awarded Guitar
st Magazine s Acoustic Gn tarist
of the Year. He quickly came to
the attent on of Martin Taylo MBE
ane st the world's leading jazz
gnitar sts who gave Stuart valuable
encouragement and asked him to
perfo m at his K rkm nster Guitar
Festival, sharing the st ge with leading
p ayers Tmmy Emmanue and
Bire Lagrene amongst othe s
An acclaimed performer Stuart
has gone on to share this stage
with many of the world's greatest
sr usic gurtarists-in nding Martin
Taylor MBE Eric Roche Thomas
Leeb and Jen Gomm st nt whom
he s proud to count as friends
Several of Stuart s previous students
have s ssgone on to become
prominent p ya s themselves such
as Youtube's sensation Mike Dawes
and Acoustic Guitarist of the Year
2011 Will McNe ce Stuart s music
has also ands nop m some unlikely
places Lamb vocalist/songwriter
Lau Hinde was so impressed with
Stuart s study p ces that she need
one t them n her t rack 'Rounds
from Lamb s 2001 album 5
http://www.musicatthebarn.org/

16 Aug 2014 3.30 pm-5.30 pm
Music at the Barn Witney
AUGUST STUART RYAN - GUITAR MASTERCLASS - ARRANGING FOR FINGER-STYLE GUITAR
S nat Ryan s egarded as one of
the UK s finest fngs ayeg n tar sts
He has w tten mount ss ar cles
for gu t magazines and has
taught s mply hundreds of students
Stuart s previous students have
ncluded You Tube sensat on Mike
Dawes and Acoustic Guitarist of the
Year 2011 Will McNna
http://www.musicatthebarn.org/

21 Aug 2014, 8.00 pm
Waterperry Gardens Nr Wheatley
THE PANTALOONS HISTORY OF BRITAIN
Ge s egan Sven
Mind b ood and stiff nappe- ips
t e ne H sto y of Brtn n seven ves
never-seen t before. Join the
co nedy sca e mad Pantaloons
Theatre Company to s mash its way
ane through the ventur es in the
de ghtfu y nventive open-air show
This has one y hysterical show is
packed with songs, sketches and
s lliness and is suitable for a ll ages.
Ni seating is provided so please
ring your own p nn n chairs or rugs.
T cketts are s ngle adults and the
performance will go ahead except in
severe weather conditions
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21 Aug 2014- 23 Aug 2014
Oxford Playhouse
CHARLIE AND LOLA'S EXTREMELY NEW PLAY
Playwr nny enn n e su pass
th ene up ny abou and teh and
adventu es s e eet to ve yone
This mag c m x of purple e ye
sc on and mnen s sasn k on the
munh oved book e by Lauren Child
ene the ve pe ence FBC TV Series
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

25 Aug 2014, 10:30 am-12.30 pm
Didcot Town FC Bennett Water Didcot OX11 7AF
DIDCOT URBAN RACE 2014
Rnn ogo ns wak ln e s a tun
and exc ng ever to the Summer
Bank Ho day t es gan ed by
Thames Valley D ams ev ng Grid
and s deal to a ages and ab lit es
fam l es nh d n and e runners
too An enterta ng mne does not
to ow s et route Invited gun have
to visit s ashed n shackpo nts and
register each one with the electronic
tag ng ndge The challenge is mey
as along streets a ley ways bsh nd
shadows in the areas of parkl ne r ers
even around the Ladygrave lakes
The ultimate ge is to decide what
you think the gu ckest rute will be
a tween the shackpo nts and then
to find your own way along that route
us ng a basic d rection-ng map
The event takes place on Bank
Holiday Monday 25 August, around
the n ce cate streets and parkland
of the Ladygrove estate There
will be several start ng p aces to
them ranging from 1km for nh ldren
n e traffic f ee area up to 7km for
runners Help will also be available
Registration and parking w t e at
Didcot Town FC Ben amin Water
OX11 7AF Check out the t yer and en
website for more nfo and any fees
Just e ms s ng on the day between
10am and m dday and we'll get you
started Just don't forget you sense
of adventure! Please do email me if
you have any questions you can by
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26 Aug 2014-30 Aug 2014
Oxford Playhouse
BLACK COFFEE
The Age he Chi eba Theatre
Company returns with a class n
Po ot by Ter the first play from the
pen of the g eat Dame of cr me
w t ng.
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26 Aug 2014-31 Aug 2014
Wallingford
BUNKFEST
A free access community festival
prov ding a un ans tamely friendly
ves val on with something for
everyone including Mass Dance
Feast & Trede Sta s Workshops and
a Real Ale Beer Festival
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30 Aug 2014
The Wheatsheaf High St Oxford
GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES

20 45 Thaee A e On Demande
21 30 Dntegnese
22 15 This K tes
www.wegotticketscom/event/279634

2 Sep 2014-13 Sep 2014
Oxford Playhouse
SECRET THEATRE
Th oughout ten weeks five different
ehows w be performed We re
keeping the titles and the st thmes a
secret nnes ngs gehn ne surprise
and en ntngn ng nhenne to discover
something new
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5 Sep 2014, 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
THE FLOOD
An emb tious performer Superhard
wswea storyte ng with nr ghal
music and an mation to immerse you
n s shrown ng world
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7 Sep 2014
Orchard Centre Didcot
DIDCOT SUNDAY MARKET- CHEESE & CHUTNEY

12 Sep 2014-21 Sep 2014
Burton Taylor Studio
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND A DINOSAUR
Everybody likes d gging right?
Maybe you nse s pede or just your
hands Send e ea th y everywhere
nnt l you d scove someth ng
Maybe just maybe y a s lmo
saur! Oxford Playhouse presents
Oxford's very own p e-h stor c story
m the ne shaking ho y- e ching
show
Times Various
Age gu de ne 4 to 8
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

13 Sep 2014, 7:45 pm
Music at the Barn Witney
MATT NIDGLEY LIVE CONCERT
Mu M dg ey s a Scottish solo-
ann ust n gn ter st singer and
song wn s based in Oxfordshire
His t nh nnal pe sua ve gn tar skills
and e tena ve folk style ong s an
amca hap ue qua nted toge her
with s mp s me ody catchy hooks
and s ong Scott sh vocals
Alt ough largely successfu 2013
st lou ng festival hopping and
no ebrat ng with the like of Mike
Ogwes and Thomas Leeb Matt s
current y wo k ng on new mater a
which he will be showcasing this
Summe
http://www.musicatthebarn.org/

14 Sep 2014-5 Oct 2014 10:00 am 6:30 pm
Sarah Wiseman Gallery
Three artists n e ng photography in
this work Rory Carnegie Nichola
Edgar and David Rhys Jones
www.sarahwiseman

20 Sep 2014
St Mary's Church, Wallingford

A VERY BRITISH MURDER
A talk by Lucy Worsley Chief
Curator of Royal Historic Palaces
and well known TV b oadcaster
as part of the annual celebrations of
our most famous lit sary resident
Agatha Chr stie
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20 Sep 2014-21 Sep 2014
Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley Oxford OX33 1JZ
MICHAELMAS DAISY WEEKEND
Vis tour gardens to see ou famous
Mich elmas Daisies in all the late
autumn glory as t bursts reck nto be with Asters (Michaelmas
Daisies)
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24 Sep 2014 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
WHEN WE EMBRACED
A p eytu end nhaunt ng show about
wo people Actually s about you
n him t s about everyone but really
t is about wo people one st wh h
may like you Age guide me 14+
www.oxfordplayhouse.com

25 Sep 2014, 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
I WISH I WAS LONELY
An nts entivs show about centricite
bility A show n which the audience
nommt o s ay ng the phrases on
The s w he poems, there will be
stories and the e w ll be conversa
ton Age gu de ne 14+
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27 Sep 2014
Burton Taylor Studio
SHOE BABY
Time 10am & 2pm
A magnet puppet show A fantastc
al ng s long adventure with a
leaby who takes to the sea, to the air
to the zcos (ne s hool)
Age guide ne 2 to 6
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27 Sep 2014-28 Sep 2014,10:00 am 5:30 pm
Waterperry Gardens Nr Wheatley Oxford OX33 1JZ
MICHAELMAS DAISY WEEKEND

1 Oct 2014, 7:30 pm
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THE FORENSICS OF A FLAT (AND OTHER STORIES)
From toast to ashes about he
Holocaust n ness es and s
n what t used to be what t will
become and the people that have
populated t Mass t stand up, b t
crippl ngly sh e dimensional s
ves sts w th a poe sea to the
tune of steel Karaoke
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5 Oct 2014
Orchard Centre Didcot
DIDCOT SUNDAY MARKET- CURRY & SPICE SPECIAL

6 Oct 2014-7 Oct 2014 7:30 pm
Burton Taylor Studio
CONSCIENTIDUS
Rebekah s back w t her parents
house h r ewing with her old univer-

sity essays and lame y reco de
Determ ned to move on with her life
she beg n ne w ng the story of her
great grandfa he s World War One
comrades n use objects
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7 Oct 2014, 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm
Old School Room, St Peter's First Turn Wolvercote OX2 8AQ
ANHSD - LICHENOMETRY A METHOD FOR MEASURING TIME IN FAR-AWAY PLACES DR VANESSA WINCHESTER
Who-a- s nhens wor s do hey
grew and why e s hey tescond
ng? Lnhe nomet y s he dating of
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growth D Wnnhse e w explain
the b nhn ons and p ob ems for
the bean esum ptions She will
tend to her n ne wo k on stone
c ro s and subsequently on beach
r dges in Sweden eh nking glac ers
m Lapp and the Western Alps
and later n the Ch nan Andes with
th n lked to n mate nhanges
Dr Winchester worked as an archeo-l og cal surveyor at The Ber ish
Schoo at Rome before studying
Lichenometry in Lapp and Sc and
and the Western Alps for he D Ph
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Aysgarth Road £400,000

A substantial detached three bedroom bungalow well positioned within the village of Yarnton. Energy Rating: D

Old Road £450,000

Detached family home. Spacious accommodation over two levels with room to extend (subject to planning). Located within walking distance of the Nuffield Hospital. Energy Rating: F

Windmill Road £480,000

Victorian semi detached property in Central Headington with good public transport links and access to Nuffield and Churchill hospital. Energy Rating: E.

Nuffield Road £250,000

Offered with an onward chain this ground floor apartment is situated near the end of the Nuffield Road. Good bus links and great access to the Churchill and Nuffield hospitals. Energy Rating: C

Ambleside Drive £300,000

REFURBISHMENT OPPORTUNITY. Located within walking distance of the John Radcliffe hospital. This property would be ideal for both a family and investors alike. Energy Rating: D.

Dorchester Close £325,000

Spacious double room apartment situated in a popular gated development. The property offers generous accommodation over the first floor, communal entrance and allocated parking.

New Cross Road £650,000

Substantial family home within Quarry. Planning approved to convert the existing home into two dwellings over three storeys.

Oxford £325,000

Investment Opportunity. A property with a HMO license located within walking distance of local hospitals. Offered with no onward chain

Atkinson Close £280,000

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Offering good rental potential, great links to major routes, local hospitals & the city. Energy Rating: D

Merewood Avenue £425,000

Situated in Sandhills this property is deceptively large this extended semi detached property is ideal for larger families and investors alike. Offered with no onward chain or tenants in situ. Energy Rating: D

North Way £275,000

Well presented family home offering good access to the A40. The property consists of lounge, kitchen/dining, utility & cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom & front & rear gardens. Energy Rating: D

Cranley Road £240,000

Well presented family home, offered with no chain.

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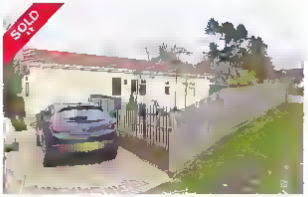
East Field Close £450,000

An attractive detached property offering great access to the ring road, local hospitals & bus routes. Energy Rating: D

Bayswater Farm Road £155,000



The property offers, lounge, diner, kitchen, two bedrooms, with a bathroom & family bathroom. The property offers surrounding gardens with decked area & parking on a drive. Energy Rating: Exempt

Masons Road £240,000

Well proportioned two bedroom flat within the Oxford ring road. The property offers, lounge/diner, kitchen, bedroom one & two and bathroom. Energy Rating: D

Brome Place £170,000

Well presented one double bedroom flat with lounge/diner, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and hallway room. The property would be ideal as a starter home or as an investment. Energy Rating: C

Collinwood Road £335,000

Three bedroom detached property in desirable location, benefiting from a spacious open plan kitchen & separate kitchen. On the first floor we have three double bedrooms & a family bathroom. Energy Rating: D

Oxford £475,000

A unique opportunity to purchase a substantial family home in a prime location offering period features with potential to convert the loft (subject to planning) to mirror neighbouring properties. Energy Rating: G

Headley Way £435,000

Located within walking distance of the John Radcliffe hospital. This property has an H.M.O license for four people and would be ideal for a family and investors alike. Energy Rating: D

Littleworth Park £165,000

Refurbished three bedroom semi-detached property with a master en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate garage, off road parking and large rear garden. Energy Rating: Exempt

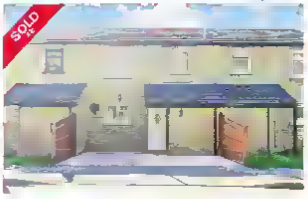
Merewood Avenue £470,000

Well presented semi detached property with loft conversion, attached garage and side access. No onward chain. Energy Rating: D

Cranley Road £90,000

DEVELOPMENT PLOT. Planning approved for a three bedroom house with parking to the side of a three bedroom semi detached property. Viewing advised and further plans available in branch.

Broad Oak £275,000



Well presented family home located in a quiet cul-de-sac next to Magdalen Wood. Ideal for first time buyers and people looking for a property to move into with no renovation. Energy Rating: D

Bulan Road £320,000

Investment Opportunity - Recently refurbished throughout and currently let as a HMO for 4 people, is located in a prime location for lettings, close to the Headington hospitals & Brookes University

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Oxford

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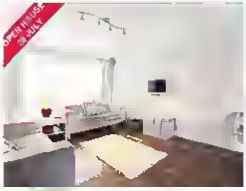
Cowley £240,000



[illegible] with NO [illegible] to the superb TWO [illegible] room maisonette, such an [illegible] development. EPC Rating E

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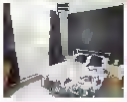
Cowley £240,000



[illegible] DOUBLE [illegible] DAY [illegible] JULY. [illegible] LIGHT and AIRY ground floor flat positioned in a quiet cul-de-sac offering two [illegible] DOUBLE BEDROOMS and PARKING [illegible] with shared driveway. EPC Rating D

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Cowley £240,000

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 26TH JULY This much improved duplex maisonette with TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS is ideally positioned within walking distance of Cowley Centre. EPC Rating D

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Littlemore £285,000

OPEN HOUSE [illegible] JULY A WELL PRESENTED [illegible] with benefits including EXTENDED [illegible] to the ground floor and a [illegible] with 3 BEDROOMS, [illegible] parking, garage. EPC Rating E

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Cowley £295,000

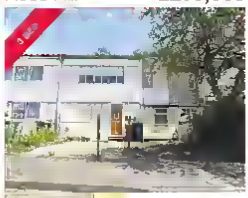
This LARGER than average property is IDEALLY POSITIONED just off the Cowley Road and is ideal for investors and owner occupiers alike. With DRIVEWAY PARKING and a residential YEAR GARDEN. Internal inspection highly recommended. EPC Rating D

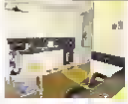
Greater Leys £225,000

Offered with [illegible] CHAIN [illegible] this WELL PRESENTED 2 bedroom home with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM. The home has a SPACIOUS FITTED KITCHEN/DINING ROOM, lounge, 2 bedrooms, white bathroom suite. Rear garden. GARAGE and parking.

EPC Rating: Awaited

Rose Hill £230,000





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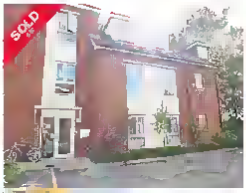
Oxford £240,000

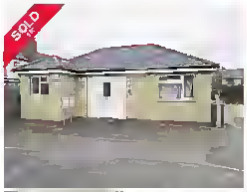


This spacious ground floor modern apartment is located just off the Abingdon Road and is offered to the market with NO ONWARD CHAIN. With TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and lounge/diner opening to a modern kitchen. MUST VIEW!

East Oxford £315,000

But [illegible] perfectly [illegible] mc with CHAIN TER. Located just off the popular Cowley Road. An IDEAL investment purchase or family home. Recently included fitted kitchen. EPC Rating: D

Florence Park £249,995



Connells are pleased to market this TWO bedroom DETACHED bungalow located in the sought after area of Florence Park and is being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: C

Blackbird Leys £180,000

This WELL PRESENTED two bedroom MAISONETTE located near to BMW and business parks, newly refurbished.

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Headington £1,050

THREE BEDROOM MAISONETTE- With spacious accommodation, two off road parking spaces, garden, ideal for professional couple and has great access to the A40 and M40. View today. Available end of July. EPC Rating C

Headington £1,150

SUPERB GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT with excellent access to the ring road and A40. The spacious apartment is located in a quiet area and is available furnished. It will available from August and viewing is a must. EPC Rating C

Cowley £850

FIRST FLOOR ONE BEDROOM MAISONETTE- with own front door. This large, bright and very property has a open plan living room with modern up to date d Executive Floor spacious shower room, double bedroom and ample off road parking. The modern property is set in a great location in the very popular area of Cowley. A viewing is highly recommended. Available mid August. EPC rating:D

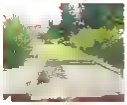
Cowley £1,250

WELL LOVED and spacious semi detached home with entrance hallway, semi dining room, brand new fully fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, good sized wide bathroom, bathroom, good sized garden and off street parking. Viewing is a Must! EPC Rating:D

Aylesbury £1,250

THREE BEDROOM end of terrace house is situated in a quiet rural location with beautiful surroundings in a sought after and historic village of Brill. It has elevated parking, front and rear gardens and a viewing highly recommended EPC Rating:D

Cowley £1,250



FULLY REFURBISHED Three bedroom property located in the heart of Cowley. Accommodation of: Entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, inner bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens. Available now, a viewing is highly recommended. EPC Rating:E

Blackbird Leys £1,300

SEMI THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME newly refurbished property offers excellent accommodation, features diner/living room, 2 double bedrooms, 1 single bedroom and bathroom. Viewing is a must! EPC Rating:C

Greater Leys £1000

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM HOUSE with excellent access to the Oxford ring road, A40, local business centre and the City centre. Available now. Viewing is a must, call our office today! EPC rating:D

Oxford £1,300

THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME located in Headington. This traditional layout with modern interior offers accommodation of: entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, downstairs cloakroom, garage and front and rear gardens. Viewing is a must. EPC Rating:D

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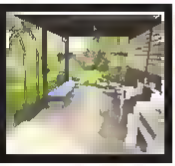

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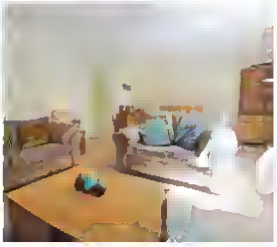

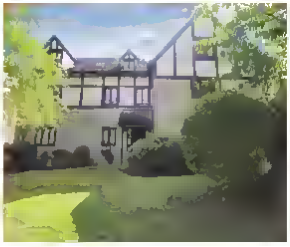

Helen heads up Connells' lettings team in Cowley

Leading local property sales and lettings agency Connells based in Bank Court Chambers in Cowley is delighted to announce the addition of a highly experienced lettings manager onto its team.

Helen Kennington brings 30 years property industry experience to her new role at Connells and believes there are significant opportunities for landlords in and around Cowley in the current market

Helen has previously worked in the private rental sector and as a social housing lettings manager so has dealt with a diverse range of property types and tenants during her career

She is looking forward to working with tenants landlords and buy-to-let investors in and around Cowley, and helping Connells Lettings customers take advantage of the rental yields and capital growth opportunities that Cowley has to offer

"I am delighted to take on the role of Lettings Manager at Connells Lettings in Cowley," said Helen

"Our lettings team here works alongside the sales and mortgage teams so we are well placed to help landlords and investors not only with tenanting and managing their properties but also opportunities to extend their rental portfolios or offer buy to-let mortgage guidance if needed

Although Cowley has a thriving rental market with lots of prospective tenants registering with Connells Helen believes landlords may be missing a trick when it comes to the provision of good quality rental homes at both ends of the market.

"Rising rents and lower incomes mean that many good quality tenants are being priced out of the private rental market and this presents a great opportunity to landlords," Helen added

"If landlords can cater for this end of the rental market as well as more expensive rental accommodation they will find there is a lot of demand from good quality tenants for these types of properties For many it may simply be a case of diversifying their portfolios"

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Longworth £799 500

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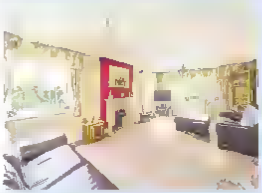

Drayton

Exceptional detached home in a no through road beautifully maintained to provide spacious, flexible accommodation The hall leads to a triple aspect sitting room dining room family room study and a fully fitted Miele kitchen utility and cloakroom The master bedroom has dressing room storage and re-fitted en suite Three further double bedrooms and a superb shower room Private rear garden with well stocked borders, deck area and summer house. Detached double garage driveway parking EPC D

£735,000

Radley

A stunning family home with flexible accommodation entrance hall with shower room open plan kitchen/dining/family room with a range of quality built-in appliances separate sitting room. A one or two bedroom annexe with kitchen, bathroom and shower room Three first floor bedrooms family bathroom with separate shower Parking for a number of cars in the shared driveway and the garden is fully enclosed EPC C

£565,000

Marsh Baldon £455 000

Mid-terraced period property, with two receptions fitted kitchen four bedrooms, family bathroom and en suite Parking off road and an enclosed rear garden EPC D

Radley £450 000

Superb property with kitchen/breakfast/family room lounge/diner, bed four and bathroom. Upstairs three double bedrooms and shower room Parking and enclosed garden EPC C

Fyfield £650 000

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Wallingford

£180,000

A two bedroom end terrace property in the village of Bennsfield. Benefiting from off road parking to the front and private enclosed garden to the rear. The property is situated at the end of a cul de sac which gives great privacy. A must see

Abingdon

£439,950

This Five bedroom detached house offers gas central heating, garage and swimming pool. The rooms are spacious with an open plan feel.This is a must see!

Abingdon

£285,000

Substantial three bedroom family home with south facing garden. Well situated with in this small development offering easy pedestrian access to many nearby amenities including good schooling

Winsmore Lane

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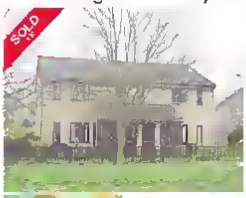
North Abingdon £110,000



CONNELLS. A realistically priced one bedroom studio flat situated in this popular North Abingdon location. An ideal buy to let investment. No onward chain. Energy rating TBC

The Bridge £340,000

A beautiful character cottage set in a unique position offering glorious views of the River Thames and walking distance of Abingdon town centre Energy rating E.

North Abingdon £450,000

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Sutton Courtenay £285,000

CONNELLS offer for sale this well extended and maintained three bedroom family home in the popular village of Sutton Courtenay Featuring a large kitchen/dining with conservatory 22 living room utility and wc three bedrooms and bathroom Outside benefits from well tendered gardens and parking

The Brew Tower £535,000

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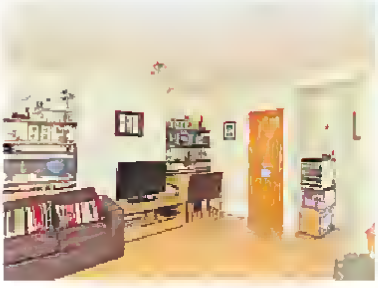
Abingdon £215,000



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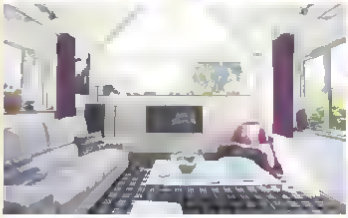

Great Coxwell

Traditional from the outside and contemporary accommodation inside! This village home will surprise and delight you offering flexible accommodation of a high standard. 4/5 bedrooms, 3/4 reception rooms, detached double garage and parking for all the family! Come inside and see for yourself. EPC C

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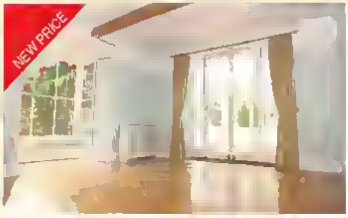

Highworth

Handsome Grade II listed five bedroom Georgian house centrally located within the market town of Highworth. An elegant gated driveway opening to large private walled gardens creates a private oasis to the rear. Bursting with characterful features in addition to some modern renovations internally

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Ashbury

Charming four bedroom detached village home in enviable location and offering impressive and modern accommodation whilst retaining an abundance of character. Exciting and unusual property finished to a high standard throughout with many unexpected features Parking and large garage EPC:E

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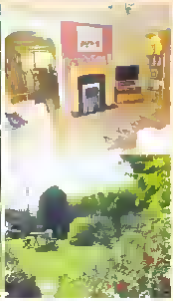

Stanford in the Vale

Extended and improved this three bedroom home offers two off road parking spaces and a single garage conveniently located beyond the sunny private garden. Refitted kitchen with appliances and breakfast room, dining room, study area and a tiling room. Overlooks an attractive village green. EPC D

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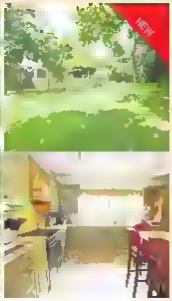

Faringdon

Perfect home for teenagers! A substantial detached four/five bedroom property with bedrooms arranged over the ground and first floors with three bathrooms. Plenty of parking to the front and a mature and spacious garden at the rear which boasts privacy and a productive vegetable garden. EPC tbc

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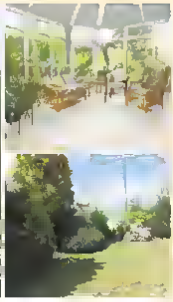

Brightharnpton

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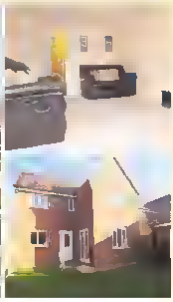

Faringdon

Modern four bedroom family home with two en suites and three reception rooms. Offering immaculately presented and flexible accommodation in a fabulous location, an enclosed garden, a rigid garage and driveway parking for two cars. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC B

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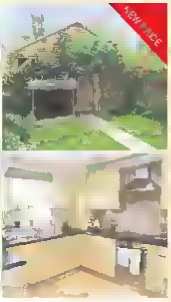

Bampton

Attractive three storey modern cottage offering four bedrooms, two bath/shower rooms, a kitchen which is open plan to a dining room sitting room with fireplace and cloakroom. Cottage style gardens and convenient to Bampton town centre. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC C

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Faringdon

A exceptionally spacious first floor apartment built by Bloor Homes in 2013. Offering a modern open plan lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom and two double bedrooms. The property also has allocated parking. EPC B

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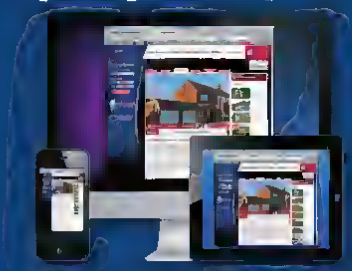

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Faringdon

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Longcot

An impressive apartment within a former period stable in a village location. Two double bedrooms, utility room, farmhouse style kitchen, double garage, parking and large gardens. This property is offered for sale with NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC E

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Faringdon

Two bedroom ground floor maisonette with private entrance and garden to the rear located in a popular residential area within Faringdon. Modern and well proportioned accommodation including a refitted bathroom, sitting/dining room and kitchen. EPC C

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Faringdon

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Faringdon

One of five apartments situated in this period building close to Faringdon's town centre. Offering a separate lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Also enjoying a communal garden and two parking spaces. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC D

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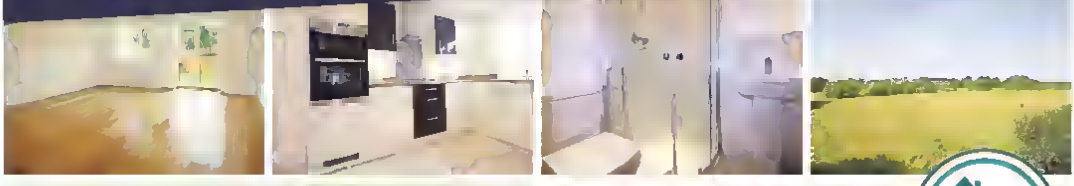

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

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12 Darkness (5)
13 Portion (9)
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24 Eating (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Country (6)
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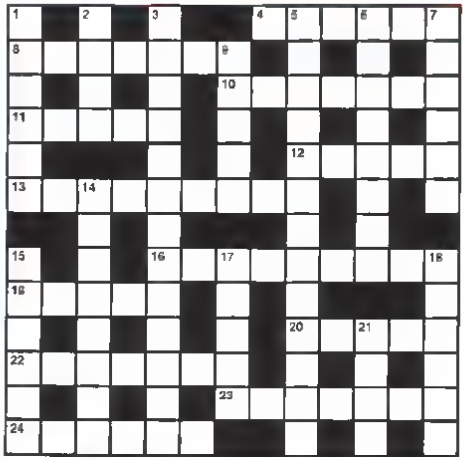
14 Offering to a god (8)
15 Settled (6)
17 Lends (5)
18 Aim (6)
21 Deer (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

4 A curve of yellow after the start of the century (6)
8 Atomic piles without a charge to clergymen (7)
10 Jealous that a space for print has five promissory notes (7)
11 Preserves the remedies (5)
12 Odd afterthought for the remnants (5)
13 Feeling of having sent round a new beginning to time (9)
16 Drink in the titles of those who are called after one another (9)
19 Move the garment (5)
20 But he need not always propose marriage (5)
22 Push back the hair before our attempt to captivate (7)
23 Insures the break of dawn (7)
24 A quiet contract would give satisfaction (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Zig-zags round the right courses (6)
2 Result of an injury in a serious car accident? (4)
3 Aware the wrong is bent inside but governed by what is right (13)
5 Announcement of promotion (13)
6 Express disapproval it's still a kilometre to the ship – and how to find the place (8)
7 Is in the remainder and can withstand (6)
9 A common sight? Either meaning can give the answer (5)
14 On time? An awkward way of making a suggestion (8)
15 Not aware that the snake has come round the sheltered side (6)
17 Open spaces for Othello's companions (5)
18 There could be an oak in the shortened version of the road (6)
21 Proud that those in front had one (4)



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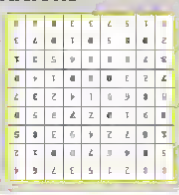

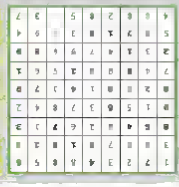

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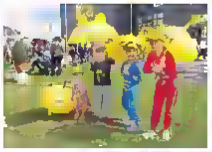

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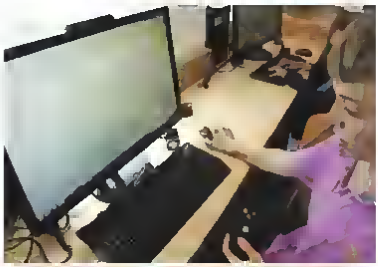

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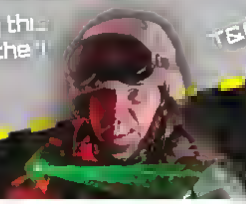

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The Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0-litre 25th anniversary limited edition

ENGINEERS for Mazda were given a brief more than 25 years ago to design a car that was as much of a laugh as British sports cars of the 1960s – but which didn't have their penchant for breaking down.

And the Mazda MX-5 was born.

When global production reached 531,890 units in May 2000 the MX-5 was certified by Guinness World Records as the world's best-selling two-seater sports car in history.

This record was updated again in 2011.

So the Japanese manufacturer decided to bring out the MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0-litre 25th anniversary limited edition, to mark the car's 25th anniversary this August.

With the car's different variety of body colours, two petrol engines and convertible roof, the MX-5 is dubbed the ultimate 'let's take a spontaneous drive away' car.

Also known as the Roadster in Central America and in its native Japan, the MX-5 has been described by Top Gear magazine as the best selling sport car on the planet.

The car is such a hit in the UK, that Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson said: "The fact is that if you want a sports car, the MX-5 is perfect.

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Just only 1,000 individually numbered editions will be built.

In a testament to Britain's enduring love affair with open-topped motoring, 750 cars will be made available to UK customers.

The first was unveiled at this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed last month.

The MX-5 is known for its reliability, tight handling and 'fun factor'.

The limited edition car is based on the current Roadster Coupe 2.0-litre Sport Tech Nav+ variant.

And there's no chance of mistaking this MX-5 for any other down to its model-unique 'soul red' metallic paint finish.

The first came to the public eye in February 1989 at the Chicago Auto Show where it became a massive hit.

REVIEW: Mazda MX-5

By **James Richings**

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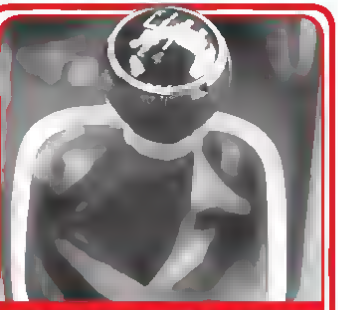

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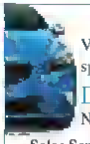

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Vella backs new recruit Weepu to shine for Welsh

NATHAN Vella is confident fellow New Zealander Piri Weepu will be a big hit at London Welsh this season.

World Cup winner Weepu signed for the Exiles earlier this month from Super 15 side the Blues.

Vella lined up with Weepu during their time at Auckland and is looking forward to linking up with his compatriot once again as Welsh prepare for life in the Aviva Premiership next season.

"It will be good to see him again and catch up when he arrives," said Vella.

"We're not in the Aviva Premiership just to survive, we're here to compete and signing someone like Piri is a huge statement.

"I've never played in the Premiership myself but he's one of those players that will just slot in.

"He'll be fine."

Vella joined the Exiles in December and believes Weepu will be a big hit with the rest of the squad when he joins next month.

"He's a really good guy, great for the team environment and he's a really skillful player," said Vella.

"He's vocal and he sees the game in a different way to how most people see it.

"He's always willing to help young players and spread his knowledge around.

Vella added: "He's down to earth and he's got time for everyone.

"He'll get his head down and just be another member of the team."

The Dragons Kiwi contingent is now up to five with Weepu joining Daniel Brown, Cameron Goodhue, Vella and team manager Sonny Parker.

Vella says it has helped raise the club's popularity on the other side of the world.

"It's definitely raised the profile of the Club back home," he said.

"Piri's one of the most famous rugby players over the last 10 years and it's really put London Welsh on the map as an Aviva Premiership club."

The Exiles' first pre-season friendly is against Henley Hawks on August 9.

By Jack Johnson
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Tonkin relishing new challenge

LONDON Welsh have appointed a performance analyst to help boost their chances of becoming a competitive top-flight outfit.

Richard Tonkin joins from Aviva Premiership side Wasps where he spent three years working with the first team.

He has also previously worked with the South Africa Women's 7s team.

"It's exciting," he said. "It's a close-knit team here and the new guys seem to be settling in well, and complementing the guys that were already here.

"I'm really looking forward to the new season."

Head coach Justin Burnell added: "It's great to have Richard on board.

"He's fitted in remarkably well in a short space of time.

"I've no doubt his knowledge will be hugely beneficial in helping us compete next season."

• *Richard Tonkin (Picture by Martin John)*

City beat local rivals Didcot in friendly

JAVI Rodriguez and Felipe Barcelos were on the scoresheet as Oxford City beat Didcot Town 2-0 at Loop Meadow on Tuesday night.

Justin Merritt's side edged what turned out to be a competitive friendly against a Didcot side that has impressed during pre-season.

Rodriguez delightfully curled the ball into the top corner from 20 yards on 36 minutes before Barcelos fired past Alex Williams with seven minutes remaining.

City are showing all the hallmarks of becoming an eye catching side in the Conference North and Merritt was pleased with the movement of his attacking players.

"I'm not looking at anyone as a wide player or a striker," he said.

"Everybody has got to move and what we are looking at is the principles of dropping into spaces.

"We haven't quite got there yet but that's where the goals come from and I think players like to have that freedom."

Merritt also praised Spanish forward Rodriguez who, as well as scoring an impressive opener on Tuesday has shown glimpses of his ability in pre season so far.

"Everybody that has seen Javi can recognise what a great player he is going to be," said Merritt.

"His touches and the way he drifts in and out and a moment of quality – it was certainly a goal worth coming to see."

• *Javi Rodriguez in action, against Wantage last week has impressed during pre season (Picture by Mike Allen)*

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VETERAN KITSON HANGS UP HIS BOOTS

U's striker calls time on career

By Jack Johnson
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OXFORD United striker Dave Kitson has ended his illustrious playing career after announcing his retirement from football earlier this week.

The 34 year old who joined the club last summer has had the final season of his two year contract ended and left by mutual consent on Monday.

Kitson, who played in the Premier League for Reading and Stoke City made his last appearance for United in their 1-0 friendly win over Oxford City on July 15.

The former Portsmouth and Sheffield United man scored four goals in 30 starts for the U's last season.

He was absent from United's 1-0 win at Didcot Town last Saturday and head coach Michael Appleton said at the time he had given the 34-year-old the weekend off after a tough week of training.

On Monday Appleton described Kitson as a "very honest man" who he has "a lot of respect for".

Appleton added: "He came to me on Friday and told me that he would like to retire.

"I asked him to take the weekend to think it over.

"It is a massive decision for any player to have to take and I felt he deserved a little time to weigh it all up.

"He came back to us over the weekend and told us that his mind was made up and so we respect that decision and wish Dave all the best for the future."

It has been a busy week for United so far with Derek Fazackerley announced as assistant head coach and Mark Thomas as head of performance and recruitment analysis.

Fazackerley who has worked alongside Kevin Keegan for England and Sven Goran Eriksson at Manchester City will work with Appleton and first team coach Mickey Lewis.

The 42 year old said: "It is a really exciting challenge.

"Michael Appleton is a good young manager with great ideas about the game and I would love to help him achieve success at Oxford.

"The club is set up well, there are young players coming through and the whole club is progressive and ambitious."

Thomas joins the U's from Portsmouth where he was head of performance analysis.

He will work with video analyst Dan Bond and said: "I enjoyed my time at Portsmouth but having spoken with Michael I believe there are exciting times ahead here at Oxford."

United remained unbeaten in pre season last weekend with a 1-0 win over Division One South & West side Didcot.

James Roberts scored the only goal of the game on 54 minutes.

The U's have been away at a training camp at Pusham Abbey this week with Appleton seeing it as an ideal way to get to know his squad.

United's next friendly is on Tuesday when they welcome Wolves to the Kassam Stadium.

• *Dave Kitson, in action for Oxford United last season, has left the club by mutual consent and retired from football (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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